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DEATH OF A REAL DAUGHTER OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, MRS. MARY PETTIGREW KEYES.*

Mrs. Mary Pettigrew Keyes, a real Daughter of the American Revolution and a member of Princeton Chapter, D. A. R., Princeton, Illinois, died March 17, 1913, after a brief illness. Had she lived until May 26th, she would have rounded out her century, for she was born May 26, 1813.

Mrs. Keyes was the daughter of William Pettigrew who served as a private in the American Revolution. He was the son of Alexander Pettigrew, who was of a family of Huguenots who fled from Europe for religious liberty, and settled at Grantham, N. H.

William Pettigrew was born November 6, 1757; when he was eighteen he ran away from home to join the Continental army at Claremont, N. H., where General Stark was recruiting. He is said by the family to have been sixth on the list in Gen. Enoch Poor's brigade. Afterwards he was assigned to the brigade commanded by Major General Sullivan, with headquarters at Ticonderoga, where they remained until the approach of the British forces under General John Burgoyne, in July, 1777.

Mary Pettigrew was born at Weathersfield, Vt. She taught in private schools until her marriage on September 29, 1839, to the Rev. N. A. Keyes, who was appointed to the Syrian Mission. At this post they remained for four years, when they returned to the United States. In 1855 they moved to Princeton, where Dr. Keyes succeeded Owen Lovejoy as pastor of the Congregational church.

*The Illinois State Board of Health has presented to the Illinois State Historical Library a copy of the certificate and record of death of Mary Pettigrew Keyes (widow). Occupation, school teacher; born May 26, 1813, died Princeton, Illinois, March 7, 1913. Age 99 years, 9 months, and nine days. Daughter of William Pettigrew (birthplace Grantham, N. H.) and Mary Alden (birthplace, Warwick, Mass). William Pettigrew was a Revolutionary soldier and Mary Alden was a direct descendant of John Alden.

Physically frail always, but mentally brilliant, Mrs. Keyes was a remarkable woman and an inspiration to the members of Princeton Chapter, who ministered to her lovingly.

DEATH OF THE OLDEST LADY IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS, MRS. ELIZA PEARCE.

Mrs. Eliza Pearce died suddenly Sunday morning, May 18, 1913, at the home of her son, J. J. Pearce, near Ewing, Ill., at the age of 102 years, 3 months and 18 days. The funeral was held at two o'clock Monday afternoon in the Webb Prairie Primitive Baptist church, and interment in the cemetery near by. Rev. W. I. Carnell, of Lebanon, Ohio, conducted the funeral.

Mrs. Pearce was born in Johnson county, N. C., in 1811, and celebrated her 102nd birthday the first of last January. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rains and was the oldest child of a family of seven children, two of whom are still living. They are: Mrs. Jane Longley, of Princeton, N. C., and Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips, of Dillon, Mont.

At the age of twenty-one Mrs. Pearce was married to Richard Pearce. Shortly after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Pearce took up their residence in Tennessee. Living there only one year, they left for Illinois in 1833, settling in Saline county. They claimed that county as their home for ten years, when they moved to Benton.

After moving to Jefferson county and residing there for six years, the family moved to Franklin county, and located near the present home of their son, J. J. Pearce, where she died. In this home her husband died in 1866. Since then Mrs. Pearce has lived with her son, J. J. Pearce.

This centenarian, who bore the distinction of being the oldest lady in southern Illinois, was the mother of nine